



NMYSA/APS Middle School League
Playoffs

1. The top 2 teams in each bracket and gender will advance to the Middle School League playoffs.
2. To determine playoff teams, the results from bracket games, “qualifying games”, will be used to determine the top two teams that will advance to the playoffs from each bracket. Teams will receive 3 points for a Win, (including forfeit), 1 point for a tie & 0 points for a loss. In the event of a team’s forfeit, the opposing team shall be the winner with a 4-0 score. Tie breakers are 1. Head-to head results, 2. Winner of most games, 3. Cumulative goal differential between goals scored and goals allowed in qualifying bracket games, (maximum difference allowed is four (4) goals per game), 4. Least goals allowed, 5. Kicks from the penalty mark per IFAB Law. All playoff matches must have a winner.
3. The first round of the playoffs will be scheduled as indicated below with the number one seed hosting the first-round games.

Boys

Game 1	Game 2
1st in group A vs. 2nd in group B	1st in group C vs. 2nd in group D
2nd in group A vs. 1st in group B	2nd in group C vs. 1st in group D
Game 3	Game 4

Girls

Game 1	Game 2
1st in group A vs. 2nd in group B	1st in group C vs. 2nd in group D
2nd in group A vs. 1st in group B	2nd in group C vs. 1st in group D
Game 3	Game 4

4. Winners of games 1-4 in each gender will advance to the semi-final games to be played at locations to be determined, (winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2 and winner of game 3 vs. winner of game 4)
5. Winners of the semifinal games will advance to the championship matches to be played at locations to be determined.
6. As all games must have a winner, if at the end of regulation play there is a tie, two 10- minute overtime periods will be played. If there is a tie at the end of the two overtime periods, a winner will be determined by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark.